

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 910

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to commend R.C. Bartlett for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Bartlett is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born on December 13, 1934, Mr. Bartlett was raised near Athens, Alabama by his sharecropper parents; and

WHEREAS, he relocated to Nashville and the Volunteer State in December of 1953 and matriculated to the Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School, now Tennessee State University, where he studied biology and then aviation before discovering his true passion for driving trucks; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career in the transportation industry, R.C. Bartlett was able to experience all of the natural beauty and splendor that our great country has to offer, witnessing America's rolling hills, majestic mountains, breath-taking coastal views, and desert sands as he safely transported his cargo throughout forty-six states as well as Canada; and

WHEREAS, as a conscientious member of BURNT, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the environment, Mr. Bartlett has distinguished himself as a citizen activist of the highest order and a true caretaker of the earth. He has wholly devoted himself to keeping the Music City a clean and healthy community by promoting solid waste reform, fighting water pollution, and encouraging public officials and businesses to practice environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, deeply religious and a true servant of the Almighty, Mr. Bartlett is a devout member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Ashland City and faithfully attends the Jose Temple; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartlett's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Bartlett is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Bartlett is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Barbara, and their six children: Princess, Andrew, Elizabeth, Rceen, Roxceen, and Jasmine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartlett is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend R.C. Bartlett for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.